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> Joseph Stechler, et al. v. Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, LLP, et al. Re:

Case No. 05-3485 (HAA) Our File No. 23130-2

Dear Judge Falk

The undersigned represents defendant, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, LLP (Brown & Wood) in the above-referenced matter. Please accept this letter as a joint request on behalf of all parties for an adjournment of the Rule 16 conference currently scheduled before Your Honor on November 15, 2005 at 2:30 p.m.

Plaintiffs in this matter have filed a Motion to Remand to State Court which is currently pending before Judge Ackerman. The parties believe that discovery in this matter should be held in abeyance pending the Court's decision on the Motion to Remand. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Rule 16 Conference be adjourned pending a decision by the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Remand.

Respectfully submitted,

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